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SHUICHIRO SAITO	)	
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For: GAS REPLACEMENT METHOD OF	)	
FUEL CELL, FUEL CELL SYSTEM	:	
AND DEVICE FOR FUEL CELL	)	
SYSTEM	:	July 2, 2007

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.